THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d). No. Sir. the tripartite safeguards agreement between International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America relating to safeguards provisions on Tarapur Atomic Power Station (TAPS) expired on October 24, 1993. However, an adhoc arrangement valid till Ist March, 1994 providing for safeguards had been entered into between the Government of India and the IAEA.

As a confidence building measure, the Government made a voluntary offer for application of safeguards on the nuclear material in TAPS. Accordingly, a bilateral safeguards agreement with the IAEA came into effect on 1.3.1994. As per this agreement, the IAEA would continue its safeguards inspections in TAPS to ensure that the nuclear material subject to the safeguards agreement are used exclusively for peaceful purpose.

Pension to Retired Persons

2856. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received a large number of representations regarding non-sanctioning of pension to the retired employees of Directorate of Industries, U.P. and U.P. Export Corporation Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures taken so far and being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c). The requisite information has since been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh. The details are as follows. A number of thirty three cases of retired employees of the Department of Industries of Uttar Pradesh were pending settlement. The details of these cases are as under :

(i) Ten cases related to officials who retired in the past two months.

(ii) Seven cases due to pending court cases and

(iii) Remaining Sixteen cases were pending because of over payment, pending departmental proceedings, verification of services and non-receipt of completed pension papers. The concerned officers have been instructed to expedite the disposal of pending cases.

Under the provisions of Constitution of India, State pensions are the concern of the respective State Governments. Therefore, the information as asked for about State Government employees does not remain available with the Central Government.

Oil Reserves

2857. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS :
SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) progress made in identification of oil reserves on land and off shore during the last three years;

(b) whether any oil field allotted to the private sector is under production;

(c) if so, the name of the allottees of private sector is under production;

(d) whether work is going on in any other allotted fields; and

(e) if so, the particulars thereof with the name of the allottee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) During the last 3 years, ONGC and OIL have established 165.94 MMt in place oil reserves in the onland parts and about 224 MMt in the offshore parts.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The following medium/small sized oil fields awarded under various production sharing contracts are already on production :

Small size		*Allottees of Pvt. Sector*
1. Bhandut	-	GSPC, Ahmedabad, Niko Resources, Canada.
2. Hazira	-	-do-
3. Asjol	-	GSPC Ahmedabad, HOEC Baroda and Petrodyne Inc. USA.
4. Dholka	-	L and T Bombay, JTI, USA.
5. Lohar	-	Selan Exploration Co. Ltd. New Delhi.
6. Indrora	-	Selan Exploration Co. Ltd. New Delhi.
7. Bakrol	-	Selan Exploration Co. Ltd. New Delhi.
Medium size		
1. Panna	-	RIL Bombay, Enron USA.
2. Mukta	-	RIL Bombay, Enron USA.
3. Ravva	-	Comman Petroleum Australia, Videocon India, Marubeni Japan.
4. Kharsang	-	Enpro India Ltd. Geoenpro Petroleum Ltd. Exopetrol International Inc.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) Work is going on in the following allotted field:

Name of the field	*Allottees of Pvt. Sector*
1. Mid and South Tapti -	Enron USA, RIL India.

Chinese Seismic Survey

2558. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to news-item captioned "Seismic Survey by Chinese Vessel in sensitive areas" as reported in "Business Standard" dated September 17, 1996;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that they do not survey militarily sensitive area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The vessel being used by DGH is US owned and flagged. The crew also do not contain any Chinese personnel. The vessel being used by ONGC in Panama flagged and the vessel is owned by offshore geo-physical joint company GNPC and COOC.

(c) All requisite precautions are taken involving Naval Security Inspection by Indian Navy prior to deployment of vessel. The master of the vessel signs an undertaking with the Naval Inspection Authority for bonafide seismic study only and clearance for all personnel on board the vessel have been duly taken from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and Immigration Authority.

Indian Space Research Organisation

2859. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation has carried out several pilot Programmes to demonstrate the use at Satellite Communications for education and training; and

(b) if so, the details of these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in cooperation with many other educational and developmental agencies, has organised a Training and Developmental Communication Channel using one transponder on the INSAT System. This activity was started in a small way in 1992 to explore the possible utilisation of one way video two way audio teleconferencing networks for training and development. A number of demonstrations were organliased to familirise the users with the network. Finding the network useful several users have set up exclusive received networks.

The utilisation of the network has been continually increasing and presently the channel is utilised on an average for 20 days every month.

Some of the important users of the network have been as follows :

- Gujarat Government: Panchayati Raj, DAWCRA, Khat Talwadi, Watershed, Jalsewa.
- M.P. Government : Panchayati Raj (Women), Health and Family Welfare (Auxilary Nursing Midwife's, (ANM's) and Watershed.
- Karnataka Government : Panchayati Raj (Women), Health and Family Welfare (Auxilary Nursing Midwife's, (ANM's) and Watershed.
- National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) : Primary teachers training, (Special Orientation for Primary Teacher, (SOPT) in Karnataka and M.P. States.
- Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU): Orientation programmes for academic councillors. Educational programmes for registered students in various disciplines like management, health and nutrition, distance education, etc.
- All India Management Association (AIMA) : Management education programmes and update seminars for students and working managers.
- Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE) : Distance education programmes in various technology and science subjects for award of professional degrees.
- Department of Women and Child Development : Training programmes for Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) (Anganwadi) functionaries. Tele-conferencing between policy planners and field level implementing officials to discuss the frame-work strategies and difficulties of Indian Mahila Yojana (IMY) programmes.
- Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA): Programmes for women organisation.
- Safai Vidyalaya : Programme for safai karmacharis of various municipalties.
- National Open School (NOS) : Orientation programme for traditional teachers (tutors) to